



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting Minutes August 17-18, 2022

Webcast

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Pursuant to Government Code section 11133, the California High-Speed Rail Authority's August 17-18, 2022, board meeting was conducted via webinar. Board Members participated from remote locations.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Ms. Margaret Pena
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided after the approval of the Board Meeting minutes.

The public comment made during the August 17-18, 2022, Board Meeting can be found on pages 12-19 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session

Agenda Item #2 – Consider Approving the June 16, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

The June 16, 2022, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Escutia, and approved (9-0).

Agenda Item #2 can be found on page 19 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #3 – Staff Presentation on the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Selection of the Portion of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative A with Caltrain Stations modified for HSR at 4th and King Streets and Millbrae, an East Brisbane Light Maintenance Facility, and the Millbrae Station Design) from the 4th and King Station in San Francisco to Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara and Related Decisions

Northern California Regional Director for the Authority, Boris Lipkin, Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Serge Stanich, and Northern California Director of Projects for the Authority, Gary Kennerley, provided a presentation on the Staff Presentation on the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Selection of the Portion of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative A with Caltrain Stations modified for HSR at 4th and King Streets and Millbrae, an East Brisbane Light Maintenance Facility, and the Millbrae Station Design) from the 4th and King Station in San Francisco to Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara and Related Decisions

Agenda Item #3 can be found on Pages 20-66 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Public Comment and Staff Recommended Edits

An opportunity for public comment on agenda items 3,12,13, 14, and 15 was offered.

Public comment and staff recommended edits made on agenda items 3,12,13,14, and 15 during the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting can be found on pages 66-116 of the Board meeting transcripts.

The August 17, 2022, California High-Speed Rail Authority Monthly Board of Directors meeting will adjourn for a one-hour lunch break.

Agenda Item #4 – State Budget Agreement Summary and Consideration of Adopting the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Chief Financial Officer for the Authority, Brian Annis, provided a presentation on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget, Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Annis. Motion to approve resolution #22-13 was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Camacho, and approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 117-132 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #6 – Consider Awarding the Contract for Design Services for the Merced to Madera Project

Chief Engineer of Strategic Delivery for the Authority, Christine Inouye, provided a presentation on the Contract for Design Services for the Merced to Madera Project. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Ms. Inouye. Motion to approve resolution #22-15 with the following language added: *The CEO, or his designee, will report to the Board quarterly the schedule and progress of the work under the contract*, was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director , and approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on pages 133-143 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #7 – Consider Awarding the Locally Generated Alternative Design Services Contract

The Motion to approve resolution 22-16 with the following language added to the resolution: *The CEO, or his designee, will report to the Board quarterly the schedule and progress of the work under the contract*, was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Perea and approved (8-0). Director Richards did not vote on resolution 22-16 due to a conflict.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on pages 61-146 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #8 – Consider Awarding the Track and Systems Procurement Stipend Adjustment

Acting Chief of Rail Operations and Delivery for the Authority, Bruce Armistead, provided a presentation on the Track and System Procurement Stipend Adjustment. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Armistead. Motion to approve resolution #22-17 was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Schenk, and approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #8 can be found on pages 147-153 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #9 – Consider Approving Interagency Agreement with Caltrans for the Wasco SR46 Grade Separation Improvement Project

Central Valley Regional Director for the Authority, Garth Fernandez, provided a presentation on the Interagency Agreement with Caltrans for the Wasco SR46 Grade Separation Improvement Project. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Fernandez. Motion to approve resolution #22-18 was moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Ghielmetti, and approved (9-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #9 can be found on pages 153-163 of the August 17, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

The August 17, 2022, California High-Speed Rail Authority Monthly Board of Directors meeting will adjourn until August 18, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

August 18, 2022

12:00 p.m.

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Agenda Item #11– Finance and Audit Committee Report

Chair Richards provided an update on the finance and Audit Committee meeting.

Agenda item #10 can be found on pages 7-9 of the August 18, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #12 – Staff Response to Public Comment Received Following Item #3 Staff Presentation on the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Decisions

Northern California Regional Director for the Authority, Boris Lipkin, Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Serge Stanich, and Northern California Director of Projects for the Authority, Gary Kennerley, provided a presentation on the Staff response to public comment received following agenda item #3.

Agenda Item #12 can be found on pages 9-27 of the August 18, 2022, Board Meeting minutes.

Agenda Item #13 – Consider certifying the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Final EIR/EIS under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Environmental Counsel for the Authority, Minming Wu Morri, presented resolution 22-10 to the Board. No Questions were asked by the Board. The motion to approve resolution #22-19 was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Ghielmetti, and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #13 can be found on pages 28-31 of the attached August 18, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #14 – Consider approving the portion of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative A

with Caltrain Stations modified for HSR at 4th and King Streets and in Millbrae, an East Brisbane Light Maintenance Facility, the Millbrae Station Design, and associated facilities) from 4th and King Streets in San Francisco to Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara, and the related CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Enforcement Plan for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section

Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri presented resolution 22-20 to the Board. The motion to approve resolution 22-20 was moved for approval by Director Ghielmetti, seconded by Director Escutia, and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #14 can be found on pages 32-35 of the attached August 18, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #15 – Consider selecting the portion of the Preferred Alternative (as defined in Item 14) and Directing the Chief Executive Officer to sign a Draft Record of Decision under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) consistent with this selection and to issue a Final Record of Decision for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section

Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri presented resolution 22-12 to the Board. The motion to approve resolution #22-21 was moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Camacho, and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #15 can be found on pages 35-37 of the attached April 28, 2022, Board Meeting transcripts.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 12:49 p.m. that the Board would Adjourn.